# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6250
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COMPENSATION TO VILLAGERS BY NALCO
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have paid compensation to all the villagers affected by the breach of NALCO`s ash pond which resulted in a flash flood in the Nandira riverbelt;

(b) if so, the details of the compensation paid to each affected person;

(c) the steps taken by the NALCO to ensure that such tragic incidents may not recur in future?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRTY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b) Out of 1028 persons affected by the breach of National Aluminium Company`s (NALCO) ash pond, an amount of Rs. 3,18,25,680/- has been paid to 965 persons. The balance cases have not been settled due to pendency of dispute of title before the district revenue authorities.

(c) The experts from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore have examined both Ash Ponds of NALCOThe required repairs, reconstruction and strengthening works as suggested have been implemented. A separate department with a full-fledged operation and maintenance manual is in place for management of the ash pond system. In view of the above, there is no likely apprehension of similar accident in future.